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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO SEMICONDUCTOR AND SUBSIDIARY  
ELECTRONIC WATCH INDUSTRY BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 248273, (B) STATE 263360, (C) BERN A-74,  
APRIL 23, 1976

1. IN THE COURSE OF USITC INVESTIGATION EXAMINING  
PROBABLE ECONOMIC EFFECT OF THE PROVISIONS OF H.R. 14600  
AND THE NEED TO PROTECT A DOMESTIC WATCH INDUSTRY (SEE  
REFTELS), USITC INVESTIGATIVE TEAM HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION  
FROM INDUSTRY AND TRADE SOURCES SUGGESTING FRENCH, SWISS,  
WEST GERMAN AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS ARE PROVIDING, OR  
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HAVE PLANS TO PROVIDE, THEIR SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY AND  
IMPORTANT USERS OF SEMICONDUCTORS, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC  
WATCH PRODUCERS, WITH TECHNOLOGICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSIS-  
TANCE IN ORDER TO PERMIT THEIR DOMESTIC PRODUCERS TO  
COMPETE ON MORE FAVORABLE TERMS WITH U.S. PRODUCERS IN  
THEIR DOMESTIC AND WORLDWIDE MARKETS.

2. EXAMINATION OF FILES AT USITC, COMMERCE, AND TREASURY HAS TURNED UP NO RELIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ALLEGED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN STATE 263360 CONCERNING HIGH PRECISION (ELECTRONIC) WATCHES, ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON ANY GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL OR TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE PLANNED OR ALREADY PROVIDED THE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY OR PRODUCERS OF ELECTRONIC WATCHES TO ASSIST THE ITC IN ASSESSING THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STRENGTH OF THE LOCAL INDUSTRY. SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

(A) THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AND AID PLANNED OR ALREADY PROVIDED;

(B) ORIGIN OF THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND DATE INITIATED;

(C) TECHNICAL GOALS OF THE PROGRAM;

(D) GOVERNMENT CONTROL AGENCIES; AND

(E) BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS IN U.S. DOLLARS.

4. DO NOT REPORT ON ASSISTANCE OR AID PROGRAMS THAT APPLY ACROSS-THE-BOARD TO ALL MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.

5. POSTS ARE ASKED TO REPLY BY FEBRUARY 4, 1977.  
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